

TANF SERVICES FUNDED IN WISCONSIN

STATE ADMINISTRATION OF W-2

Program Description:

Although many state agencies administer programs funded with TANF dollars, the bulk of TANF administration in Wisconsin is the responsibility of the Department of Workforce Development Division of Economic Support (DWD/DES)

The major activities of DES includes:

Manage a collection of work programs such as Wisconsin Works (W-2)-Wisconsin's replacement for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET), to help all low income families achieve self-sufficiency and fully participate in Wisconsin's economy.

Administer the Wisconsin Shares program which provides affordable, quality child care to low income families. Provide child care capacity building and quality improvement grants.

Manage the Wisconsin Child Support Program which provides services such as paternity establishment, and child and medical support order establishment and enforcement.

Ensure all eligible families have access to an adequate and nutritious diet through the administration of the Food Stamp program.

Manage the provision of a wide variety of employment and training services for refugees.

Client Groups Served:

- Low income heads of households desiring training and educational opportunities to allow them to obtain and maintain viable employment
- Families who need assistance procuring sufficient food
- Child care providers
- Noncustodial parents seeking services to improve employability
- Custodial parents and their children
- Employers
- Families needing child care
- Refugees
- Families seeking assistance with support order and enforcement

Critical Indicators:

Since the beginning of W-2, the Division of Economic Support has managed, along with the successful conversion of AFDC to W-2, the administration of dozens of new programs including Workforce Attachment and Advancement, Welfare-to-Work, Community Youth Grants, Literacy Grants, the Early Childhood Excellence Initiative and Community Reinvestment, with over 30 fewer staff.

TOTAL TANF FUNDING: \$27,400,000